

October 20, 2006

Arnetta McRae, Commission Chair
Delaware Public Service Commission
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Dear Commissioner McRay,

Thanks for your steady hand and leadership in guiding the PSC hearing this week through a long and technical session. I appreciated the opportunity to participate, but was deeply disappointed that those of us who are particularly concerned about the environmental and the future of the state in the face of climate change were so ineffective in changing the terms of the RPF. In my case, I had spend a lot of thought and time writing what I planned to say, in order to make the most convincing case, but learned only a few minutes before I was to speak that the time permitted would only be three minutes, when I needed six. I had to quickly slash a lot of what I thought was important, and am afraid that what I said was only a tattered remnant of what I had intended.

I have attached the full text of what I had prepared to say (**COMENTS FOR THE PSC HEARING ON OCT. 17, 2006**), in hopes that you will better understand what motivates me and many others to advocate protecting Earth's climate, people and wildlife. I have also attached the text of a short article titled, **The Multiple Threats of Global Warming, Methane release, and Ocean Acidification**, which I wrote a few months ago for a class at the U of D College of Marine and Earth Science. I believe that this multiple danger is the greatest threat to the continuation of human life on the planet, and could prove to be ruinous for Delaware, unless we (and many others act) decisively and soon to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

I understand your reluctance to go beyond the state legislature in limiting the emission of CO₂ from new electrical generation in the state, but regret that we missed an opportunity to put Delaware on the right energy path – one that starts now by not permitting large new CO₂ emission sources, and has the goal over time of eliminating greenhouse gas emissions from all sources. There is a big task ahead to educate the citizens of Delaware and, to move the legislature to put Delaware on this path. If you would like, I would be happy to meet with you and any of the other Commissioners or staff who would be interested in learning more about the evidence that global warming is already taking place, the reason why CO₂ and other greenhouse gases from fossil fuels are causing it, and what the likely consequences—especially for Delaware—are likely to be if we don't take the path to a clean energy future that I and others have been advocating.

Sincerely,

Chad A. Tolman

Cc: Commissioners Joann, Conaway, Jaymes, Lester, J.Dallas Winslow and Jeffrey Clark